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SUBJ: MAJOR EXPORT PROJECT-GOU PLANS TO PURCHASE OIL TANKER

REF: MVD 2815 (1974)

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON THE URUGUAYAN NAVY'S AUXILIARY SHIP SERVICE (SEBAX) TO LEARN WHAT DEVELOPMENTS MAY HAVE OCCURRED IN PLANS FOR PURCHASING AN OIL TANKER (REFTE) IN PERIOD SINCE INTEREST FIRST REPORTED. SEBAX OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THAT URUGUAYAN NAVY, WHICH NOW OPERATES TWO SMALLER TANKERS (30,000 DWT), CONTINUE TO PURSUE THIS PROJECT. SEBAX REMAINS INTERESTED IN RECEIVING OFFERS AND INFORMATION AS DESCRIBED REFTTEL IN ORDER TO CONSIDER PURCHASE. THIS IS NOT A GOVERNMENT TENDER AND THE NAVY WILL NOT ASK FOR FUNDS UNTIL IT DECIDES ON AN OFFER. IN SPITE OF PRESENT LOW TANKER CHARTER RATES THE NAVY BELIEVES URUGUAY SHOULD OWN ITS OWN TANKER OUTRIGHT AND HOPES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF REPORTEDLY LOWERED CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

2. IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION ON 150,000 DWT TANKERS, SEBAX WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING OFFERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TANKERS FROM 70,000 DWT ON UP AS URUGUAY NAVY'S ROLE IN SUPPLYING PETROLEUM IN CONJUNCTION WITH PROJECTED PETROLEUM BUOY IS BEING RESTUDIED. ALTHOUGH US SHIPYARDS ARE REPUTEDLY MORE EXPENSIVE, STANDARD DESIGN VESSELS SUCH AS THOSE DESCRIBED ON PAGE 20, COMMERCE TODAY, JULY 7, MIGHT BE ESPECIALLY COMPETITIVE. CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:

CAPTAIN DE NAVIO, MIGUEL A. BUTTERI

COMANDO GENERAL DE LA ARMADA

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3. LETTERS IN SPANISH ARE PREFERRED BUT NOT REQUIRED, AND
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